

1. Luther S., m. Harriet Fassett.
5. Lot, b. Oct. 19, 1792; d. July 26, 1828; m. Achsah Paddock;
res. Ashfield.
Children, Hall:
1. Edward S., m. Catharine Mc Chesney.
2. Joseph D.
3. Caroline.
6. George, b. Feb. 4, 1795; d. Nov. 28, 1878; m. Mary Ann Graves;
res. Ashfield. *Soldier 1812; farmer.*
Children, Hall:
1. Francis.
2. Nancy.
3. George.
7. Barnabas, b. July 26, 1797; d. Oct. 4, 1867; m. Alma Putney,
and 2d., Cimenta Putney; rem. to Hartland, N.Y., and later
to Gouverneur, N.Y.
Children, Hall:
1. George Clinton, m. ----- Swan; res. Ashfield.
2. Sally Maria.
3. Barnabas.
4. Alma.
8. Seth, b. Nov. 7, 1799; m. Olive R. Graves; res. Ashfield.
Children, Hall:
1. Joseph, b. June 1, 1828; m. 1856, Orvilla Bassett; was
for many years Principal of Hartford High School.
2. Addison G., b. Sept. 15, 1829; m. Mary Ann Smith.
3. George, b. Aug. 23, 1833; m. Electa Fisk.
4. Charles, b. July 26, 1835; m. Mary Stevens; no children.
9. Lucy, b. Jan. 29, 1803; m. Horace White.

248.16. Seth, b. Mar. 6, 1765; d. Aug. 4, 1766.

*249.17. SETH, b. Dec. 8, 1767.

250.18. Kezia, b. Aug. 9, 1772.

John Sears and his wife were adm. to 2d. Ch., Yar., Aug. 5, 1739; he was chosen deacon, Feb. 29, 1768, which office he held until his death; he was a prominent man in church and precinct affairs, for many years serving as moderator, assessor, and on prudential committee.

His Will Mar. 10, 1789, mentions wife Priscilla, and children, John, Seth, Bashua Howes, Deborah Crowell, Betsey Tobey, Bethia Sears, Lucy Hall, and Kezia Sears. Wife Priscilla and son Seth, Executors.

Widow Priscilla made her Will, Jan. 7, 1815, naming daughters, Elizabeth Hall, Bethia Sears, Lucy Hall and Kezia Sears, (some of them by her first marriage,) and grand children, sons and daughters of Jonathan Sears, deceased, Jonathan, Aseralah, Abigail and Clarinda; and Lydia Sears, dau. of Rev. Freeman Sears, deceased; and daus. of Seth Sears, Hephsebeth Gibson, Priscilla and Belinda Sears, Herdphebah (sic) Sears, and sons, Luther and Mark.

—:0:—

51. WILLARD⁴ SEARS, (John,³ Paul,² Richard,¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., 1714;

d. Aug. 19, 1765, in his 51st. yr., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass.; m. Yar.,

- Nov. 17, 1745, Susannah Howes, dau. of Capt. Ebenezer & Lydia (Joyce) H.,
 she b. Oct. 10, 1720; d. Apr. 9, 1763, in her 42d. yr., gr-st.; and 2d.,
 Yar., Jan. 3, 1765, Margery Homer, dau. of Benjamin & Elizabeth (Crowell)
and grand daughter of John & Rebecca (Sears) Crowell,
 H., she b. June 13, 1727; d. Aug. 1, 1795, in her 69th yr., gr-st.;
 (having m. 2d., Yar., Mar. 19, 1774, Benjamin Higgins of Eastham.)

Children in Harwich:

by Susannah,

- *251. 1. EDWARD, b. Oct. 22, 1746.

252. 2. Willard, b. Nov. 8, 1748; d. Dec. 18, 1748.

253. 3. Mary, b. Apr. 1, 1750; d. Dec. 1, 1774; m. Yar., Nov. 21, 1771,
 Joshua Howes, son of David & Hannah (Paddock) H., he b. Sept.
 17, 1746; rem. to Ashfield, Mass.; (he m. 2d., Feb. 22, 1776,
 Mary Paddock.)

Children, Howes:

1. Susanna, b. Feb. 11, 1773.

2. Mary, b. Nov. 24, 1774; d. Dec. 24, 1774.

254. 4. Willard, b. Jan. 7, 1751-52; d. July 4, 1752.

- *255. 5. REUBEN, b. Sept. 27, 1753.

- *256. 6. EBENEZER, b. Oct. 11, 1755.

- *257. 7. WILLARD, b. May 26, 1759.

by Margery,

258. 8. Susannah, b. Oct. 19, 1765; m. Yar., Jan. 29, 1789, Levi Crowell,
 son of Christopher & Deborah (Sears) C., he b. May 16, 1764;
 rem. to Barre, Vt.

Children, Crowell:

1. Zerviah, b. Oct. 23, 1791.

and others.

After his marriage, Willard Sears purchased the house belonging to Joshua Sears in Harwich, on the opposite side of the road from the old family burying ground at Bound Brook, which had previously been occupied by several families.

At his death it remained for some time unoccupied, and was said to be bewitched. Every pane of glass in the house was broken by mischievous boys.

It was occupied by Miss Vienna Sears until her death in 1880, since which it has been repaired, and some alterations made, and now bids fair to stand for many years.

It was built by Joshua Sears about 1719, and is worthy of note as the birth place of "King Sears," the "Liberty Boy."

Willard Sears was adm. to the Church in East Yarmouth, Dec. 16, 1764; a few months later he was taken sick with a fever, and died after a short

illness.

Susannah Howes,

His first wife was a descendant of Gov. Thomas Prentice, John Howland and Elder John Chipman.

The Inventory of his estate was taken Oct. 18, 1765, and filed Oct. 22, of the same year. He is styled Yeoman of Harwich. The estate was valued at 425 00 10. Nathaniel Sears of Yarmouth, was appointed guardian of Mary, Ebenezer, Reuben, ~~Edmund~~ and Willard; and widow Margery, guardian of Susannah. John Sears of Yarmouth, Administrator.

Edward

--:0:--

53. NATHANIEL SEARS, (⁴John, ³Paul, ²Richard, ¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., 1720;

d. about 1802; m. Yar., Mar. 16, 1748-49, Deborah Howes, dau. of Thomas & Deborah (Sears)H., she b. Dec. 1, 1727.

Children in Yarmouth:

259. 1. Deborah, b. Feb. 16, 1749-50; m. Sept. 17, 1767, David Collins of Chatham, he b. Sept. 12, 1747.

260. 2. Anna, b. July 10, 1751; d. June 10, 1753.

261. 3. Anna, b. Oct. 16, 1753; not named in her father's Will, 1802.

262. 4. Jerusha, b. July 28, 1756; m. 1773, Lemuel Howes, son of Dr. Samuel & Mary (Howes) H., he b. Mar. 26, 1752; rem. to Industry, Me.

Children, Howes:

1. Alvan, b. Jan. 24, 1775; m. Mercy Collins, res. Industry, Me.

Children, Howes:

1. George, m. Martha Knowlton.

2. John, m. Anna Dutton.

3. Lot, m. Loretta George.

4. Betsy, m. Simeon Greenleaf.

5. Mary, b. 1800; m. Oren Hebbard.

6. Lydia, b. Nov. 8, 1813; m. Seth Howes of Dennis, Mass.

2. Kimbal, b. Mar. 2, 1777.

3. Sears, b. Feb. 5, 1779.

4. Samuel.

5. Deby, b. Feb. 15, 1781; m. David Howes of Dennis.

6. Lot, b. Dec. 25, 1785.

7. Lemuel, m. Harriet Dutton.

8. Betsy, b. Nov. 9, 1799; m. Samuel Howes of Dennis.

9. Daniel, was lost at sea.

10. Nathaniel.

11. Jerusha.

12. Sally, m. ----- Willard.

*263. 5. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 15, 1758.

264. 6. Lot, b. Nov. 25, 1761; he served in Capt. Samuel King's Co., in Col. Josiah Whitney's Reg., from June 1, to Dec. 1776; 85 miles travel; is not named in his father's Will in 1802.

265. 7. Achsah, b. Apr. 25, 1767; d. May 25, 1768.
"in his house"

266. 8. Sarah, bapt. Jan. 25, 1768; prob. d. soon.

Nathaniel Sears lived in East Yarmouth. Oct. 28, 1765, he was appointed guardian to the minor children of Willard Sears of Harwich, by his first wife, viz: Mary, Ebenezer, Reuben, ~~Edmund~~ and Willard. *Edward*

His Will dated Mar. 31, 1802, names wife Deborah; son Nathaniel; and daus. Jerusha Howes, wife of Samuel Howes, and Deborah Collins, wife of David Collins.

--:O:--

57. PAUL SEARS, (⁴Richard, ³Paul, ²Richard, ¹) b. Chatham, Mass., 1710;
int. Eastham, Jan. 31, 1729-30,
 m. 1730, Anna Atkins, dau. of Joseph A., she b. 1713; d. Chatham, Oct.

17, 1783, ae. 70 yrs.

Children in Chatham:

267. 1. Hope, b. Feb. 11, 1730, ^{Chatham}31; m. Jan. 11, 1749, by Rev. Stephen Emery to Nehemiah Doane of Chatham, who d. of small pox, Jan. 17, 1766; and 2d., Aug. 22, 1767, Thomas Howes, who d.; and 3d., Job Chase of Harwich.

Children, Doane:

1. Samuel, b. Jan. 11, 1750-51.
2. Reuben, b. Nov. 29, 1752.
3. Paul, b. Jan. 21, 175-.
4. Sarah, d. Oct. 1, 1821.
5. Mercy, d. May 11, 1824.

268. 2. Martha, b. Nov. 14, 1732; m. ^{Chatham, by Rev. Stephen Emery}Mar. 22, 1750, Joseph Eldridge of Yar.
 Child, Eldridge:

1. Seth, b. Mar. 9, 1752.

269. 3. Hannah, b. Nov. 27, 1734; m. ^{Chatham, by Rev. Stephen Emery}Feb. 26, 1756, Samuel Wing, Jr., son of Elnathan & Hannah (Allen) W., of Harwich; rem. to Winthrop, now Readville, Me., where he d. about 1786.

Children, Wing; all in Harwich:

1. Ruth, b. June 20, 1757; m. ----- Wyman.
2. Paul, b. Feb. 3, 1760.
3. Samuel, b. Feb. 1, 1762.
4. Tabitha, b. Apr. 5, 1765; m. ----- Perry.
5. William, b. May 25, 1767.
6. Elizabeth, b. July 1, 1768; m. ----- Abbott.
7. Reuben, b. Dec. 12, 1771.

270. 4. Thankful, b. July 27, 1736; d. Mar. 17, 1747.

271. 5. Anna, b. Feb. 16, 1737-38; d. Apr. 4, 1747.

272. 6. Ruth, b. Nov. 12, 1740; d. Apr. 11, 1747.

273. 7. Experience, b. Oct. 20, 1743; m. int. Oct. 26, 1765, James Eldredge, who d. 1804, ae. 70 yrs.

274. 8. Elisabeth, b. July 11. 1745; d. ~~May~~ 26, 1766, in her 21st yr., gr-st.
 275. 9. Thankful, b. Mar. 2, 1747-48.
 276. 10. Anna, b. July 10, 1753; m. Nov. 10, 1774, Hezekiah Higgins of Eastham, Mass.

Paul Sears was appointed Surveyor of Highways in 1733; Tything man, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Pound Keeper, 1739; Selectman, 1742; and Town Clerk, 1752-53. *He may have died in Maine, but his wife died in Chatham in 1783.*

--:0:--

61. Lt. DANIEL⁴ SEARS, (Daniel³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Chatham, Mass., June 1, 1712; d. Feb. 10, 1761, in his 49th yr., gr-st.; m. Harwich, Mass., Oct. 31, 1745, Fear Freeman, dau. of Benjamin & Temperance (Dimick) F., she b. Mar. 23, 1721-22; d. Boston, 1808, ae. 86 yrs.; (having m. 2d., by Rev. Stephen Emery, to Samuel Ballard of Boston, as his 2d., wife.)

Children in Chatham:

277. 1. Sarah, b. Feb. 13, 1747; d. Aug. 4, 1773, ae. 26 yrs., gr-st.; m. Boston, Apr. 4, 1765, by Rev. Andrew Elliot to William Ballard, son of Samuel & ----- (Pickering) B., he b. June 13, 1741; d. June 13, 1818, ae. 77 yrs., gr-st.
 Children, Ballard:
 1. Betsy, b. 1767; d. 1785, ae. 18 yrs.
 2. Sarah, d. young.
 3. William, d. young.
 4. Daughter, d. inf.
 He m. 2d., Ann Marshall of Framingham, Mass., elder sister of Mehitable Marshall, wife of Richard Sears of Chatham.

- *278. 2. RICHARD, b. Jan. 30, 1749.

- *279. 3. DAVID, b. Nov. 29, 1752. (*Aug. 12,*)

280. 4. Fear, b. Nov. 2, 1754; m. Boston, Nov. 2, 1781, William Colman, who d. 1797.
 Child, Colman:
 1. William, "trader," Boston, in 1815.

281. 5. Daniel, b. 1757; d. unmd., Watertown, Mass., Nov. 1814. *Aug 8,* He was a merchant on Sears' wharf, Purchase street, Boston, residing on Common now Tremont street, probably living with his mother, who lived at what is now the corner of Tremont street and Temple Place. At the time of his death he kept bachelor's hall in Watertown, and had apparently given up business. His death is recorded in Boston, but not in Watertown, and his estate was administered upon in Middlesex co., by his brother, David Jr., *(David, succeeded by)* and William Mason.

He left a house and ⁷/₈ acre of land in Dedham, appraised at \$1000, and household goods, etc., \$511; was styled "husbandman and yeoman."

Mary and Penelope Aspinwall kept house for him, as appears by the Court records.

Dec. 19, 1776, he was drafted to serve in the Continental Army.

Apr. 17, 1782, he was licensed to sell spirits.

Jan. 2, 1782, he was licensed to sell tea, bonds, 100 pounds.

Feb. 23, 1797, Mr. Daniel Sears requested to remove the encroachments on the highway in Gibb's lane.

In 1798, he owned Sears' wharf and stores near Summer street, valued at \$16720.

Daniel Sears lived in Chatham, in the house built by his father, which was taken down in 1863.

He served as Coroner in 1751; Town Clerk and Treasurer, 1756-57; and was a Lieut. in the militia.

It appears by the records of the Probate Court, Barnstable, Feb. 10, 1758, "Upon requisition of the selectmen of Chatham, Daniel Sears was adjudged 'Non Compos,' and Fear Sears, his wife, was appointed his guardian."

Letters of administration were granted to his widow in 1761, and she was appointed guardian to the children, viz: Richard, David, Sarah and Fear. The Inventory foots up Real Estate, \$689 06 08, and Personal, 716 04 03. *Mar. 11, 1772, 1/2 was sent off to Richard, he to pay David, Samuel, Sarah, Richard, & Fear Sears in money; he also had land in Dedham, all off to him, he to pay his brother and sister their parts.*

The "Sears Genealogy" says "Fear Sears was the daughter of John Freeman of Sandwich, but she was the daughter of Benjamin Freeman of Harwich, as is shown by his Will dated Nov. 25, 1757, pro. Apr. 4, 1758, and by the town records.

The "Freeman Genealogy," says "she married second, Samuel Ballard, a wealthy merchant of Boston, who brought up her son in his counting house, and dying childless, left him the chief of his large property," and adds, perhaps copying some grave-stone, which I have not found, "Madame Fear Sears, died 1808, ae. 86, a widow Ballard."

Mr. Freeman is quite wrong in his statement.

Samuel Ballard had by his first wife four children, who survived him, and had numerous descendants. He died in Boston about 1793, and his Will recorded there, names, wife Fear; sons William, Samuel, Ebenezer, and grand-daughter, Betsy Pope. The Sears children were not mentioned.

He gives to his wife his house near the Common, with the furniture, and his chaise, while she remains unmarried; also certain claims against persons in Barnstable county, due to her late husband.

In the Directory for 1789, he is called "hay-weigher," Common street, (now Tremont street;) he lived in the third house south of Winter street, between Mr. Cole's and Mrs. Swan's houses, about half way to West street, or at the corner of Temple Place, then known as "Turnagain lane."

Mrs. Sears on her second marriage, took her children with her to Boston, but Richard soon returned to the Cape, and was brought up and received his education there.

In a letter from J. Hawes, printed in the "Sears Genealogy," Daniel Sears is said to have possessed a manuscript history of the family, and other interesting family papers and documents now lost; a statement that cannot now be confirmed.

68. SILAS⁴ SEARS, (Silas³, Silas², Richard¹,) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Dec. 1695; d. Apr. 10, 1760; m. Elizabeth Nickerson, dau. of John & Elizabeth (Baker) N., of Yar., she b. May 11, 1699.

Children in Yarmouth:

282. 1. James, b. June 24, 1722; was living in 1755.

283. 2. Mary, b. Sept. 4, 1724; m. Yar., Jan. 15, 1746-47, Seth Crowell, Jr., he b. Yar., Aug. 7, 1726.

Children, Crowell:

1. Mercy, b. Aug. 18, 1748.

2. James, b. Mar. 7, 1749-50.

*284. 3. SILAS, b. Feb. 2, 1726-27.

*285. 4. EDWARD, b. Oct. 21, 1729.

286. 5. Hannah, b. Jan. 19, 1732-33; m. Jan. 16, 1755, William Kent of Eastham, Mass.

*287. 6. MOODY, b. May 6, 1734; called Mercy in the "Sears Genealogy."

*288. 7. ELEAZAR, b.

289. 8. Rachel, not mentioned in her father's Will, 1755.

290. 9. Elizabeth, perhaps married Nov. 12, 1758, Stephen Sears, No. 320.

291. 10. Tabathy, m. May 12, 1763, Moses Godfrey of Chatham, he b. Jan. 8, 1740-41.

The Will of Silas Sears of Yarmouth, dated July 11, 1755, pro. May 6, 1760, names wife Elizabeth; and children, James, Silas, Moody, Eleazar, Mary Crowell, Hannah Kent, Elizabeth Sears and Tabathy Sears. Wife Elizabeth and son Edward, Exeors. Eleazar had the homestead.

John Nickerson of Yarmouth, in his Will July 2, 1744, names daughters Elizabeth Sears, Mary Sears and Patience Sears, (three sisters married three brothers.)

—:0:—

72. THOMAS⁴ SEARS, (Silas³, Silas², Richard¹,) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Mar. 3, 1702-3; d. May 29, 1785, in his 85th yr., (783d.) gr-st.; m. Yar., July 26, 1732, Patience Nickerson, dau. of John & Elizabeth (Baker) N., she b. Apr. 15, 1705; d. Jan. 22, 1783, in her 79th yr., gr-st.

Children in Yarmouth:

*292. 1. THOMAS, b. Nov. 6, 1733.

*293. 2. ELEAZAR, b. May 9, 1739.

The Will of Thomas Sears of Yarmouth, dated July 4, 1777, was filed June 30, 1785, and names grand-children, Samuel and Allen Sears, and Sarah Hatch. Eleazar Sears, Exec., who was living with his father, to have the estate after the death of wife Patience.

--:O:--

73. JAMES⁴ SEARS, (Silas³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Mar. 30, 1704; d. Ridgefield, Conn., Mar. 17, 1791, ae. "near 87 yrs." m. Yar., May 28, 1730, Desire Tobey, she b. 1707; d. July 28, 1781, "ae. about 74."

Children:

*294. 1. DAVID, b. Yar., Aug. 25, 1731.

295. 2. Sarah, b. Yar., Nov. 21, 1753; m. Reuben Crosby, and settled in Patterson, N.Y., where he was for many years church trustee.

Children, Crosby:

1. Abial, m. -----.

Children, Crosby:

1. Charles.

2. Reuben.

3. Horace.

2. James.

3. Tertullus.

296. 3. Thankful, b. Yar., Nov. 26, 1734; m. James Foster, res. in South East, N.Y., and d. July 27, 1772, ae. 37 yrs., gr-st.; Milltown, N.Y.; he d. Aug. 18, 1819, ae. 81 yrs., gr-st.

Children, Foster:

1. James, b. ; d. 1855, "ae. almost 84 yrs."

*297. 4. SEETH, b. Yar., Oct. 31, 1736.

*298. 5. KNOWLES, b. 1738.

*299. 6. THOMAS, b. Apr. 30, 1745.

300. 7. Desire, m. Ridgefield, Conn., Nov. 19, 1772, Timothy Foster, and removed to Western New York.

*301. 8. JAMES, b. 1747.

302. 9. Rebecca, b. about 1750; d. Mar. 20, 1842, ae. 91 yrs., gr-st., in the old Cemetery, one mile north of Milltown, N.Y.; m. Eli Crosby, of South East, N.Y., son of David & Reliance (Hopkins) C., who d. Nov. 22, 1827, ae. 78 yrs., gr-st. He served in the 3d. N.Y. Reg. during the Revolutionary War.

*303.10. COMFORT, b. Mar. 20, 1751.

Oscar Weed who lived in the old Sears homestead at Mill Plains, Conn., had a deed dated July 10, 1739, from Robert Hebbard, Jr., and Ruth his wife, of the town and county of Windham, Conn., to James Sears, late of Yarmouth, county of Barnstable, Province of Massachusetts Bay, of a tract of land in Windham, near the Shautucket river, containing 52 acres, the consideration being 275 pounds.

How long James Sears remained in Windham, if he lived there at all, is not known, but he probably settled in Mill Plains, then a part of Ridgefield, about 1740-41, though his name does not appear in the "listable estates" of Ridgefield for 1746.

James Sears was "pathmaster" in Kent, Apr. 7, 1747, and in 1756, of the Old Gilead Church in Carmel.

He was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church in Ridgebury, (the northern society of Ridgefield) in 1769.

After the death of his wife Desire, he lived with his son Comfort, and tradition tells of his orderly habits, and religious observances.

When he first settled in Ridgefield, wild turkeys and other game abounded.

It is related that one Sabbath morning a flock of wild turkeys alighted in his corn-field. Taking his gun, he started to shoot them, but remembering that it was the Lord's Day, he returned, remarking "you did not get me that time, Mr. Devil."

--:0:--

76. SETH⁴ SEARS, (Richard³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Plymouth, Mass., Mar. 18, 1699-1700; m. Newport, R.I., Dec. 2, 1733, Ann Jones, (who was perhaps the widow of ----- Jones, and dau. of Richard & Edith Higgins,) she b. Sept. 6, 169-.

Children:

*304. 1. GEORGE, b. Newport, 1735.

304a. 2. Ann, b. 1.12.1749; d. 26.8.1858; m. 22.1.1768, Capt. William Howland of Newport.

Children, Howland:

1. Rebecca, b. 9.5.1770; d. unmd., Newport, 10.9.1854.
2. Ann, b. 18.2.1772; d. 8.9.1858; m. 4.7.1799, James Taylor of Newport.
3. Abiel, d. inf.
4. Mary, b. 9.10.1775; d. Newport, 22.6.1852; m. 9.9.1794, Peregrine Howland.
5. Elizabeth S., b. 30.7.1778; d. unmd., 30.7.1851.
6. Hannah, b. 13.10.1780; d. 14.8.1837.
7. William, b. 3.5.1783; d. unmd., Newport, 26.8.1800.
8. Isaac, b. 26.6.1789; d. in Kentucky.

I have assumed that Seth Sears, son of Richard Sears of Old Lyme, Conn., was the Seth who married Ann Jones in Newport in 1733, as recorded in the Register of Trinity Church, and that they were the parents of George Sears, whose grave-stone says he was born in 1735, but this needs confirmation.

The parentage of George Sears as given in the "Sears Gen." is certainly wrong, as Lieut. Silas Sears of Yarmouth, had no son Thomas, as I have shown in the proper place.

The name of Sears is not found in the Newport Probate Records till Dec. 10, 1801, when administration was granted upon the estate of George Sears; there is no account of the distribution of his estate, nor any mention of his children, of whom there was probably more than one.

The following names may belong to this family.

Aug. 28, 1748. Mary Sears married Joseph Rider. (Trin. Ch. Rec.)

Dec. 23, 1754. Martha Sears, married Israel Chapman. (Cong. Ch. Rec.)

--:0:--

79. Capt. JOHN⁴ SEARS, (Richard³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Plymouth, Mass., middle of Nov. 1707; d. Lyme, Conn.; m. there, June 13, 1734, Elizabeth Watrous, dau. of Isaac W.

Children in Lyme:

*305. 1. JOHN, b. Mar. 4, 1735-36.

306. 2. Richard, b. July 30, 1738; d. about 1776 in Horton, King's co., Nova Scotia, as appears by a deed of gift dated Feb. 26, 1776, from his brother Seth to Judith Sears.

307. 3. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 9, 1741.

308. 4. Mary, b. Aug. 24, 1744. *W. P. John Sears of New York, died Feb. 2, 1805, m. June 20, 1793, Benjamin Greenleaf, (David⁴, George³, Daniel², John¹); b. Salisbury, Conn., May 30, 1744.*

309. 5. Seth, b. Oct. 16, 1748; was in Hartford, Conn., Feb. 26, 1776, at which date he deeded to Judith Sears, certain land in Lyme, "except that which fell to me by my brother Richard Sears, late of Horton, in Nova Scotia, lately deceased."

310. 6. Cornelius, b. Nov. 11, 1755.

Capt. John Sears was a large land owner. In 1737, Isaac Watrous deeded to John Sears and wife Elizabeth, a piece of land, said Elizabeth being his daughter. In 1760, he bought of Dr. Mather, a tract of 500 acres in Lyme. Numerous other deeds are on record.

John Sears, Mariner, sold Henry J. Corwin of Newport, R.I., a certain lot which was the estate of John Sears, senior, and was given to his children in common, on condition that John Sears will obtain a good title, some of the heirs not being of age. Mention is made of brother Richard, and other brothers and sisters.

In the Col. Rec., we find the memorial of Joseph Wade of Lyme, showing that he "borrowed of Capt. John Sears, late of Lyme, deceased, the sum of 800 pounds, old tenor, and to secure the payment, executed to said Sears an absolute deed of the house in which said memorialist lives, with lot adjoining, deceased to reconvey said house and lot on repayment. Deceased died before redemption."

--:0:--

83. Lieut. ZACHARIAH⁴ SEARS, (Joseph³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Apr. 22, 1706; d. Yar., Jan. 13, 1796, in his 90th yr., gr-st., No. Dennis, Mass.; m. Yar., Mar. 31, 1738, Mehitable Crowell, dau. of John & Kesia (Eldredge) C., she b. Aug. 14, 1721; d. Feb. 8, 1760, in her 39th yr., gr-st.; and 2d., Yar., June 28, 1761, Mary Oakes, who d. July 20, 1765, in her 58th yr., gr-st.; and 3d., Chatham, Mass., Dec. 14, 1768, (1798, W.D.) Mary Howes, who d. Oct. 2, 1789, in her 75th yr., gr-st.

Children in Yarmouth:

by Mehitable,

311. 1. Peter, Capt., b. July 29, 1743; d. July 22, 1802, ae. 58 yrs.; Will dated Apr. 4, 1810; m. Yar., Jan. 12, 1769, Thankful Howes, dau. of Thomas & Mercy (Hedge) H., she b. Nov. 1, 1743; who made her Will in 1810. Having no children of their own, they adopted Peter Sears son of Roland Sears of Ashfield, Mass., who was Exec. and heir to each. Thankful, wife to Peter Sears, was dismissed from the Church in Dennis, to the Church in Ashfield, Dec. 16, 179—, (between 1795 and 1799.)

"Capt. Peter Sears lived in East Yarmouth, now Dennis, and after he retired from the sea, kept store there, dealing in rum, salt, sulphur, molasses, tea, sugar, etc., "and a little more rum."

"He also manufactured Salt."

Mar. 29, 1794, he was on the committee to repair the meeting house, and to provide Mr. Stone's wood and hay.

He appears to have removed to Ashfield, and probably lived with his adopted son Peter until his death.

*312. 2. ROLAND, b. Feb. 3, 1744-45.

313. 3. Zachariah, b. Feb. 13, 1746-47; d. Apr. 7, 1747.

314. 4. Bethia, b. Aug. 28, 1748; m. Yar., July 8, 1773, Reuben Howes, son of Thomas & Deborah H., he b. Aug. 29, 1745; they were dismissed to the Church in Williamsburg, June 29, 1777.

Children, Howes:

1. Mehitable, bapt. Sept. 11, 1774.

2. Mary, bapt. June 23, 1776.

315. 5. Mehitable, b. Sept. 2, 1750; m. Dec. 14, 1780, John Sears, No. 229-

316. 6. Zachariah, Capt., b. July 8, 1752; d.s.p. Boston, Sept. 13, 1783, ae. 30 yrs.; m. int. Boston, Aug. 19, 1779, Sally Freeman.

His brother Peter adm. upon his estate; moiety to widow Sally, and moiety to his father. Under the date of Apr. 17, 17—, his wife wrote that he had been captured by a transport, and taken into New Providence, and expresses great anxiety for him.

He was brought in the first cartel Jan. 18, 1777, for exchange.

317. 7. Hannah, b. June 25, 1754; d. July 28, 1818; m. Yar., Nov. 16, 1780, Josiah Crowell, son of Aaron & Priscilla (Smith) C., he b. Oct. 25, 1753.

Children, Crowell:

1. Zachariah, b. Mar. 28, 1782.
2. Oliver, b. Apr. 28, 1785.
3. Hittie, b. June 25, 1787.
4. Priscilla, b. Jan. 3, 1791.

*318. 8. JOSEPH, b. July 20, 1756.

Zachariah Sears and his wife were adm. to the Church in East Yarmouth, Aug. 5, 1750. He was a Lieut. in the militia, and active in town and church affairs; Constable, 1755, and Surveyor of Highways, 1765.

1778. In 1758, he writes from Yarmouth, to his son Roland at Ashfield, intimating that he was an old man, that his wife was living, that he had sons Zachariah and Roland and several daughters, that his son Zachariah was a sea-faring man, and on a voyage to the West Indies with Capt. Tailor of hianus, (Hyannis,) addressed to "Mr. Roland Sears living at Ashfield;" "Yrs. to the Lord."

Gen. C. W. Sears of University, Miss., and Solomon Sears of Ann Arbor, Mich., had old family papers and letters from 1770.

His Will dated Oct. 26, 1786, mentions his wife, (but does not give her name,) and children, Peter, Roland, Joseph, Bethia Howes, Mehitable Sears and Hannah Crowell; and gave the homestead to son Joseph. Peter and Joseph Exors.

Oct. 3, 1755, Lt. Zachary Sears on Committee "to see Mr. Dennis."

Oct. 16, 1760, Mr. Zachary Sears to procure wood for Mr. Dennis.

Aug. 24, 1761, he was allotted the pue next to the men's alley for 170 pounds, old tenor, and Feb. 9, 1763, Mr. Zachary Sears paid 170 pounds for his pue.

Rev. E. H. Sears says he moved to Windham County, but he died and was buried in Dennis. He may have purchased land in Windham with the intention of removing.

—:O:—

84. JOSEPH⁴ SEARS, (Joseph³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Mar.

27, 1708; d. Aug. 6, 1779, in his 72d yr., gr-st., West Brewster; m. Harwich

May 21, 1733, Ruth Sears, dau. of Samuel & Ruth (Merrick) S., she b. July

4, 1715; d. Mar. 27, 1761, in her 46th yr., gr-st.; and 2d., Har., Oct. 28,

1761, Thankful Snow; and 3d., Har., Dec. 4, 1766, Bashua (Smalley-Nickerson)

Chase. (Her first husband was ----- Nickerson, and her second was Gowel

Chase.)

Children in Harwich:

by Ruth,

319. 1. Isaac, b. Oct. 28, 1734; d. Mar. 24, 1759, in his 25th yr., gr-st.

*320. 2. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 5, 1736.

321. 3. Larned, b. Oct. 22, 1738; d.s.p. Oct. 11, 1760, in his 22d yr., gr-st.; m. Har. July 20, 1760, Ann Bangs.

322. 4. Ruth, b. Dec. 10, 1740; d. before 1776, leaving issue; m. Har., July 17, 1760, James Wing.

323. 5. Joseph, b. May 25, 1746; d. before 1776.

Joseph Sears styled in the records, 3d and Jr., lived in that part of Harwich, now West Brewster, though all but his first child are recorded in Yarmouth. He was adm. to 2d Ch. East Yarmouth, June 29, 1742.

His Will dated July 12, 1776, was pro. Sept. 9, 1779, and mentions children of daughter Ruth Wing; son Stephen, Exec. Inventory 5364 14 66. Dower was set off to Bashua Sears, widow, Sept. 28, 1779.

insert W. S.

—:0:—

86. ROLAND⁴ SEARS, (Joseph³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., July May 14, 1711; d. Greenwich, Mass., Mar. 12, 1784; m. int. Rochester, Mass., Nov. 11, 1738, Mary Freeman, dau. of John & Mercy (Watson) F., of Roch., she b. Harwich, Mass., Oct. 13, 1719; d. Greenwich, Apr. 22, 1784, in her 65th yr.

Children in Hardwick, Mass.,

*325. 1. FREEMAN, b. July 29, 1740.

*326. 2. BARNABAS, b. Nov. 20, 1743.

327. 3. Thankful, b. July 15, 1745; d. Apr. 12, 1766, in her 21st yr.; m. Hardwick, July 19, 1764, John Cobb, son of Elisha C. Child, Cobb:

1. Molly, b. Mar. 18, 1765.

*328. 4. ELISHA, b. June 6, 1748.

329. 5. Mercy, b. Apr. 11, 1751; m. May 11, 1769, Reuben Snow, Children, Snow:

1. Samuel, b. May 28, 1770.

2. Stephen, b. May 16, 1772; d. Elyria, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1857; H.N. Snow of Durham, No. Car., is a grand-son; his father was born in Pelham, Mass., and had brothers in South Hadley, Mass.; Mary Snow who married William Inglis of Radford, Va., is also of this family.

3. Barnabas, b. Aug. 22, 1774; d. Oct. 31, 1775.

4. Barnabas, b. May 11, 1778.

5. Mary, b. July 25, 1779.

6. Silas, b. Aug. 15, 1781.

7. Mercy, b. Sept. 4, 1783.

8. Savannah, b. Jan. 7, 1786.

9. Reuben, b. July 15, 1788.

{ Sarah?

Benjamin Snow, + grandsons of the Joseph Snow, who d. Oct. 5, 1814, in his 74th yr., West, Greenwich Plains, Mass.)

(Mr. W. H. Allen Jr. of PELHAM)
v. Hellen Gen.

85. STEPHEN⁴ SEARS, (Joseph³, Silas², Richard,¹ b. Yarmouth, Mass.,
son of Samuel + Elizabeth, b. she d. Sept. 25, 1710;
 July 22, 1710; m. Yar., Apr. 1733, Abigail Burgess; he d. soon after
No. 33.
 his marriage, and she m. 2d., Harwich, June 30, 1737, Benjamin Sears,)

Child:

324. 1. Sarah, b. Yar., Mar. 31, 1734; m. Seth Sears, *No. 297.*

---:0:---

10. Salome, b. May 26, 1790.

11. Cynthia, b. June 16, 1793.

330. 6. Hannah, b. Feb. 20, 1754; d. Jan. 8, 1756.

331. 7. Mary, bapt. June 4, 1758; d. Apr. 11, 1770, ae. 13 yrs.

"Roland Sears of Upton," Mass., was pub. Rochester, Mass., Nov. 11, 1738, to Mary Freeman, and soon after removed to Hardwick, Mass., where he purchased land on Moose brook, near Barre, Mass., in 1742. He was a "Bloomer," or iron-forging, and his forge was probably on the site of the one called "Taylor Mills."

He was chosen Selectman, 1767-71; after which he removed to Greenwich, Mass. In Paige's Hist. of Hardwick, he is confused with his grand-son, Roland Sears. His wife was dismissed from the Church in Hardwick to the Church in Greenwich, Sept. 13, 1779. In 1776, he is rated on one poll, 9s 7d. His residence was on the north side of the old County road from Furnace Village to Greenwich.

—:0:—

87. BARNABAS⁴ SEARS, (Joseph³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Apr. ⁵ 4, 1714; d. 1740-41; m. Rochester, Mass., Sept. 25, 1732, by Rev. Timothy Ruggles to Thankful Freeman, dau. of John & Mercy (Watson) F., of Roch., she b. Harwich, Mass., Oct. 6, 1714.

Children:

*332. 1. STEPHEN, b. Rochester, Mass.,

333. 2. Mary, b. Hardwick, Mass., Apr. 27, 1738; m. there, May 1, 1760, Capt. Jonathan Fletcher of Rutland District, now Barre, Mass. Children, Fletcher:

1. Jonathan, d. Oct. 2, 1763, ae. 11 weeks.

2. Hannah, d. July 11, 1777, ae. 2 years.

334. 3. Hannah, is mentioned in her grand-father's Will in 1746, and was perhaps brought up in Yarmouth, and m. Capt. George Webb, son of John & Betty (Sears) W., he b. 1740; res. in Hardwick and Springfield, Mass. *Held in Mass.* Children, Webb:

1. Huldah, m. Aaron Smith. *Lived Cornish N.H.* and perhaps others.

Barnabas Sears was a "Bloomer," or iron-forging, and probably associated in business with his brother Roland.

He removed from Rochester to Hardwick before the birth of his daughter Mary in 1738, and his daughter Hannah was born there. From thence he removed to Brookfield, where he purchased one eighth part of certain iron works, Jan. 5, 1740, and died soon, as his Inventory was rendered Oct. 28, 1741, 230 pounds. His brother Roland settled the estate, and appears to have adopted the daughter Mary, who was baptized in Hardwick, Sept. 11,

1743, being styled in the records "nephew of Rolon Sears," Stephen was brought up in Yarmouth, as was probably his sister Hannah.

The "Sears Gen." says "there was an elder son Barnabas who was in the Rev. War, was wounded and died in consequence." This is an error, it was a grand-son, son of Stephen Sears.

--:O:--

90. SILAS⁴ SEARS, (Joseph³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Feb. 11, 1719-20; d. Greenwich, Mass., Feb. 29, 1780, "an old man;" m. Harwich, Mass., June 9, 1743, Deborah Buck, dau. of John & Phebe (Sears) B., of Harwich.

Children:

335. 1. Phebe, m. Barre, Mass., Nov. 1, 1764, Micah Boyden; and 2d., Oct. 7, 1773, John Partridge, he b. Sherborn, Mass., Oct. 28, 1746; d. June 7, 1825, ae. 76 yrs.

Children, Partridge:

1. Silas, b. June 5, 1774.
2. Rhoda, b. July 10, 1776; m. May 7, 1806, James Newcomb of Oakham, Mass.
3. Chloe, b. Sept. 20, 1779.
4. John, b. Mar. 27, 1782.

*336. 2. RICHARD, b. about 1748.

337. 3. Hannah, b. 1756; m. Elisha Sears, No. 328.

338. 4. Deborah, m. ----- Wheeler.

*339. 5. BARNABAS, b. Hardwick, Mass., Mar. 21, 1765.

The "Sears Gen." says Silas Sears removed to Rochester, Mass., but his name is not found in the church or town records there; he was in Hardwick in 1765, and with his wife was adm. to the church there, May 6, 1770; he died in the adjoining town of Greenwich in 1780; he served in Capt. Joseph Hooker's Co., Col. Ruggles Woodbury's Reg., Aug. 19, to Nov. 30, 1777, 175 miles travel, wages, \$3. 8. 7, and is called of Greenwich.

His Will dated Feb. 22, 1780, was filed June 6th following by his widow Deborah, Execx., and mentions his children in the above order.

--:O:--

92. Lt. EDWARD⁴ SEARS, (Josiah³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., June 23, 1704; d. Mar. 2, 1777, in his 73d yr., gr-st., Halifax, Mass.; m. Desire -----, who d. Jan. 7, 1775, ae. 62 yrs., gr-st., Halifax.

Children in Halifax:

*340. 1. EDWARD, b.

341. 2. Sarah, b. Mar. 24, 1735; d. Oct. 19, 1825, ae. 90 yrs.; m. Jan. 17, 1754, Sylvanus Bryant of Plympton, Mass., son of Dea. Samuel & Tabitha (Ford) B., he b. Mar. 20, 1729-30; and 2d., Capt. James Harlow of Plympton, his 2d. wife, he b. Apr. 20, 1730; d. Sept. 23, 1802.
342. 3. Mercy, b. Sept. 14, 1736; m. Dec. 25, 1752, Ephraim Tillson.
Children, Tillson:
1. Polly, b. Oct. 28, 1772; d. Apr. 12, 1850; m. Mar. 5, 1794, William Hooper of Bridgewater, Mass., he b. Oct. 12, 1763; d. Mar. 27, 1825.
Children, Hooper:
1. William, of New Bedford.
2. Cyrus, m. Jane Crocker, res. New Bedford.
3. Thomas, m. Eloisa Washburn.
4. Susan.
5. Mary.
6. Sarah.
343. 4. Betsey, b. June 17, 1739; m. Feb. 24, 1766, Benjamin Carter of Halifax.
- *344. 5. JOSIAH, b. Nov. 17, 1740.
345. 6. Desire, b. Mar. 15, 1742-43; d. 1800, ae. 57 yrs.; m. Apr. 29, 1762, Benjamin Washburn, 3d., son of Benjamin & Martha (Kingman) W., he b. 1735; d. 1796, ae. 61 yrs.
Children, Washburn:
1. Oliver, b. 1763; m. 1787, Martha Fobes, and 2d., 1804, Mary Hayward.
2. Azel, b. 1765.
3. Sally, b. 1767.
4. Lydia, b. 1769; m. 1799, Samuel Rider.
5. Deborah, b. 1771.
6. Desire, b. 1773.
7. Sears, b. 1777. *unm.*
8. Mary, b. 1780; m. 1801, Barzillai Latham.
9. Huldah, b. 1784; m. ——— Irish, and rem. to Maine.
10. Benjamin, b. 1786.

Edward Sears removed to Halifax, Mass., and in 1747 was chosen to represent the Church in Council. Is styled Lieut. on his grave-stone.

—:0:—

93. SAMUEL⁴ SEARS, (Josiah³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., July 6, 1706; d. Oct. 24, 1764, in his 59th yr., gr-st., No. Dennis, Mass.; m. Yar., Aug. 13, 1730, Hannah Howes, dau. of Nathaniel & Esther (Rider) H., of Yar.

Children in Yarmouth:

*346. 1. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 21, 1731-32.

347. 2. Hannah, b. Sept. 14, 1735; d. Nov. 16, 1780; ~~prob.~~ m. Jan. 3, 1769, Barnabas Howes, son of Joseph & Elizabeth (Paddock) H., he b. July 24, 1724; d. Mar. 17, 1777; (his first wife was Lois Mayo, who d. Feb. 22, 1768, by whom he had a large family.)

Children, Howes:

1. Lois, bapt. Jan. 12, 1772.

2. Hannah, bapt. May 8, 1774.

348. 3. Samuel, b. Apr. 28, 1738; was living in 1764.

Samuel Sears was adm. to the 2d. Church in Yarmouth, Mar. 31, 1745.

His Will dated Sept. 1, 1764, calls himself "1st of Yarmouth," and mentions wife Hannah; sons Nathaniel, and Samuel; and daughter Hannah. Nathaniel Sears and Seth Tobey, Exeors. *Inventry \$352.13.00.*

Samuel Howes of Yar., in his Will in 1722, names "Samuel Sears, son of Josiah Sears," then living with him; and Nathaniel Howes of Yar., in his Will June 10, 1745, gave to "grand-son Nathaniel Sears, a new Bible," and to "beloved daughter Hannah Sears, 15 pounds, old tenor."

--:O:--

94. JOSIAH⁴ SEARS, (Josiah³, Silas², Richard¹), b. Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 25, 1708; d. Eastham, Mass., Jan. 1772; m. Eastham, Sept. 30, 1736, Azubah Knowles, dau. of Samuel K.; she d. Mar. 1762, and he m. 2d., May 26, 1763, Mercy Hopkins, *of Eastham,* who survived him.

Children in Eastham:

by Azubah,

349. 1. Mercy, b. Aug. 23, 1737; m. Nov. 23, 1769, Archelaus Harding of Orleans, Mass.

Children, Harding:

1. Mercy, b. Sept. 11, 1770.

2. Azubah, b. July 24, 1772.

3. Archelaus, bapt. Jan. 17, 1774. *age 1*

4. Sears, bapt. May 26, 1776.

350. 2. Martha, m. May 13, 1756, Theodore Harding. *by Mr. Joseph Cocker, Clerk.*

Children, Harding:

1. Sarah, b. Dec. 22, 17--.

2. Chloe, b. Aug. 3, 1758.

3. Josiah, b. Oct. 15, 1760.

351. 3. Jerusha, b. Feb. 25, 1742⁻⁴³; d. before 1772.

352. 4. Josiah, b. Feb. 1, 1744⁻⁴⁵; d. young.

353. 5. Azubah, b. Nov. 5, 1747; m. Oct. 29, 1765, Ansel Kenrick of Orleans, he b. about 1743; rem. to Barrington, Nova Scotia.

Children, Kenrick:

1. Tabitha, b. July 29, 1766.
2. Edward, b. May 9, 1768.
3. David, b. Nov. 13, 1770.
4. Ansel, b. Dec. 2, 1772. (Anson in one record.)
5. Martha, b. Nov. 16, 1774.
6. John, b. Nov. 3, 1776.
7. Samuel, b. Sept. 27, 1777.
8. Zubra, (Azubah) b. Apr. 1, 1781.
9. Seares, b. Apr. 17, 1783.
10. Seth, b. Apr. 26, 1785.
11. Medad, b. May 18, 1787.

354. 6. Bethia, b. July 15, 1750; m. ^{by name Seares.} Dec. 26, 1776, Theophilus Baker.

Children, Baker:

1. Sally, bapt. Apr. 19, 1778.
2. Abner, bapt. Apr. 5, 1779.
3. Josiah, bapt. May 28, 1780.

*355. 7. DAVID, b. Apr. 14, 1753.

356. 8. Samuel, b. Apr. 18, 1755; d. South East, N.Y., in 1778; he served in Capt. Solomon Higgins' Co., July 13 to Dec. 31, 1775.

*357. 9. JOSIAH, a minor in 1772.

Josiah Sears was a cordwainer. His Will dated Jan. 2, 1772, names wife Mercy; and children, Mercy Harding, Azubah Knowles, Bethia Sears, Martha Harding, David and Samuel Sears, and Josiah, not of age. Gideon Freeman was Exec'r, and proved the Will, Feb. 11, 1772.

--:0:--

95. Lt. DAVID⁴ SEARS, (Josiah³, Silas², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Oct. 2, 1710; d. Middleboro, Mass., Aug. 20, 1788, in his 78th yr., gr-st.; m. Phebe -----, who d. Middleboro, Oct. 9, 1779, in her 67th yr., gr-st.; and 2d., Dec. 20, 1781, Hannah Weston of Midd., she b. Apr. 21, 1723; d. Apr. 14, 1802, "ae. 79 years lacking 7 days." Weston's Hist. of Middleboro, says he m. 2d., Mar. 1781, Hannah (Tinkham) Vaughan, dau. of John T., and widow of Joseph V.

Children in Middleboro:

by Phebe,

*358. 1. ZEBEDEE, b. June 16, 1734.

359. 2. Huldah, b. Aug. 10, 1737; m. Middleboro, July 7, 1756, Jonah Washburn,

and was dismissed to the Church in Randolph, Vt., in 1787.

*360. 3. ABNER, b. Feb. 19, 1738-39.

361. 4. David, b. June 25, 1741; m. int. Bridgewater, Mass., July 30, 1765, Elizabeth Snow of Bridgewater.

1361a.5. Phebe, m. Jonah Washburn.

2d. Lt. David Sears was at Oneida Station, N.Y., Sept. 23, 1758; and his son Zebedee was a private. Lt. David Sears was in Capt. Benjamin Pratt's Co., in the French and Indian War, 1755-57.

--:O:--

96. JONATHAN SEARS, (⁴Josiah, ³Silas, ²Richard, ¹) b. Bridgewater, Mass., 1714; m. ^{Halifax}Halifax, Mass., Apr. 18, 1738, Hannah Briggs of ~~Bridgewater~~.

Children in Halifax:

362. 1. Deborah, b. May 16, 1739; d. July 14, 1739.

363. 2. Jonathan, b. Dec. 25, 1740; served as 2d. Lt., in Col. Whitcomb's Mass. Reg., May to Dec. 1775; was 1st. Lt., 14th Mass., Jan. 1, 1777, and d. Jan. 19, 1777. His name is also written Sayer and Sawyer in the records.

364. 3. Doratha, b. Oct. 2, 1743; d. Sept. 8, 1747.

365. 4. Hannah, b. Jan. 29, 1745-46; d. Sept. 7, 1747.

366. 5. Dorathy, b. June 8, 174⁸7.

367. 6. Isaac, b. July 15, 1750; was in Capt. Fred. Pope's Co., Col. Paul D. Sargent's Reg., in 177-.

368. 7. Hannah, b. June 6, 1752; m. Scituate, Mass., Dec. 15, 1774, Benjamin Mann, Jr., of Hanover, Mass., he b. Mar. 3, 1753; d. Dec. 12, 1780, ae. 68 yrs., he was son of Benjamin Jr., & Abigail M.

*369. 8. PETER, b. Nov. 29, 1753.

370. 9. John, b. Mar. 22, 1756; was in Capt. John Bradford's Co., Col. Theophilus Cotton's Reg.

371.10. Sarah, b. June 16, 1757.

Jonathan Sears removed to Halifax, Mass., and was in full communion with the Church there in 1737, and his wife in 1741.

--:O:--

FIFTH GENERATION

107. SAMUEL⁵ SEARS, (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Harwich, Mass., Dec. 5, 1721; d. Aug. 13, 1774, in his 53d yr., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass.; m. Yar., Mar. 7, 1747-48, Desire Howes, dau. of Thomas & Deborah (Sears) H.; she b. Jan. 8, 1726-27; d. Jan. 6, 1804, in her 78th yr., gr-st., W. Br.

Children in Harwich:

372. 1. Thomas, b. Jan. 5, 1748-49; was a mariner, and at sea in 1774.

373. 2. Samuel, b. Dec. 31, 1751; d. Nov. 5, 1754.

374. 3. Abigail, b. Nov. 15, 1753; d. Feb. 17, 1756.

375. 4. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 12, 1755; d. young.

376. 5. Abigail, b. May 2, 1757; d. Dec. 13, 1828, ae. 72 yrs., gr-st., W. Br.; m. May 15, 1777, Freeman Remick, son of Christian & Sarah (Myrick) R., he b. 1755; was a Rev. soldier, and d. Nov. 30, 1826, ae. 71 yrs.

Children, Remick:

1. Freeman, d. Guadaloupe, W.I., Mar. 10, 1804, in his 18th yr.

2. Thomas, was lost at sea in 1810.

3. Abraham, was lost at sea in 1810.

grave-stones in the Sears burying-ground, West Brewster.

377. 6. Mary, b. Aug. 20, 1759; d. July 8, 1761.

378. 7. Hannah, b. Apr. 4, 1761; d. Jan. 15, 1835, ae. 74 yrs., gr-st.

379. 8. Samuel, b. Sept. 2, 1763; d. July 31, 1783, in his 20th yr., gr-st.

380. 9. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 3, 1765; d. unmd., Oct. 23, 1798, in her 34th yr., gr-st.

381. 10. Mary, b. Apr. 3, 1765, twin; d. unmd., Apr. 11, 1794, in her 30th yr., gr-st.

382. 11. Desire.

Samuel Sears and his wife were adm. to full communion in Church Harwich, June 13, 1756.

He made his Will Apr. 25, 1774, and names wife Desire; son Thomas gone to sea; Samuel, Abigail, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary and Desire.

Inventory, 359 15 11, of which 224 11 01 was Real Estate.

109. SETH⁵ SEARS, (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Harwich, Mass.,
 Apr. 29, 1725; d. about 1770; m. May 18, 1765, Kezia Wing, (who perhaps
 m. 2d., Middleboro, Mass., June 10, 1784, Israel Ellis.)

Child,

382a. 1. Ruth, b. Harwich, July 9, 1769; m. Boston, Mass., Oct. 17, 1795,
 Nathaniel Jenks, of Portland, Maine.

The estate of Seth Sears, mariner, was administered upon by his widow,
 who filed the inventory May 28, 1770, \$68 12 06.

The estate was found insolvent, and paid May 9, 1773, 12s 10d in the
 pound. He owned one half of a vessel then in charge of John Webb in
 Boston. His admx. received for the vessel and earnings, \$122 8 0.

--:O:--

113. JONATHAN⁵ SEARS, (Jonathan⁴, Samuel³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Harwich,
 Mass., Sept. 9, 1725; d. Dec. 16, 1752, in his 28th yr., gr-st., West
 Brewster, Mass.; m. Har., June 29, 1749, Priscilla Sears, dau. of Seth &
 Priscilla (Ryder) S., she b. Har., Dec. 31, 1730; (who m. 2d., Yar., Apr. 11,
 1754, Dea. John Sears, and d. of old age, Apr. 12, 1819, in her 89th yr.,
 gr-st.)

Children in Harwich:

*383. 1. JONATHAN, b. May 7, 1750.

384. 2. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 4, 1752; m. Yar., Apr. 13, 1773, Samuel Hall,
 son of Daniel H., he b. Mar. 7, 1752; rem. to Ashfield, Mass.;
 she was dismissed to the Church there, Oct. 25, 1795; is named
 in her mother's Will, Jan. 7, 1815.

Children, Hall:

1. Jonathan, b. Mar. 29, 1774; m. -----;

Child, Hall:

1. Samuel W., m. Emeline Goodwin.

2. Lot, bapt. Nov. 10, 1776.

3. Elizabeth.

4. Samuel, bapt. Sept. 6, 1778.

5. Atherton.

6. Mehitable.

Jonathan Sears of Harwich, mariner, made his Will, Mar. 28, 1752, "being
 then very sick," wife Priscilla and brother Joseph, Exeors.; mentions his
 children, but not by name. The inventory was filed Feb. 6, 1753, and
 amounts to \$128 12 00. Nov. 23, 1757, John Sears was appointed guardian of
 Jonathan and Elizabeth.

--:O:--

R., of Norwalk; (who m. 2d., ^{Nov.} 1755, Ebenezer Church, his 2d. wife.)

Children:

391. 1. Nathaniel, a minor in 1765; d. about 1785, in the West Indies.
His estate was administered upon Dec. 20, 1785; Ruth Church, Ebenezer Church, Sarah Perry, Thacher Sears, Josiah Church, John Church, Isaac Church, Esther Church, Betsey Church and Ruth Betts were interested therein. It appears by a deed that he was living in the West Indies in 1774.

*392. 2. THATCHER, b. 1752.

Nathaniel Sears removed to Norwalk with his parents, married and died there. He was buried in Pine Island Cemetery, near his father's grave, a nameless mound between them, being probably that of his mother.

Jan. 23, 1753, Ruth Sears and Josiah Sears were appointed Adms.; and Ruth Sears guardian to Nathaniel and Thatcher Sears, minors.

The inventory dated Jan. 8, 1753, was approved Apr. 3, 1753, above 2000 pounds. Apr. 1, 1765, Nathaniel Sears made choice of Ebenezer Church as guardian.

The estate of Thatcher Sears, confiscated during the Revolution, passed into the possession of the Church family.

(Ebenezer Church m. Jan. 1746, Susannah Fitch, by whom he had, Daniel and Richard. By his marriage to widow Ruth Sears, he had, Sarah, Oct. 15, 1756; m. ——— Perry; Ebenezer, July 31, 1758; Ruth, Jan. 29, 1760, m. ——— Betts; Esther, Mar. 23, 1762; Samuel, Nov. 25, 1763; Grace, Aug. 7, 1765; Josiah, Jan. 10, 1767; John, Jan. 12, 1769; Elizabeth, Oct. 10, 1770; and Isaac, May 3, 1772.)

—:0:—

125. Col. ISAAC SEARS,⁵ (Joshua⁴, Samuel³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Harwich, Mass., 1730; bapt. July 12, 1730; d. Canton, China, Oct. 28, 1786, in his 57th yr.; m. Trinity Ch., N.Y., Jan. 22, 1752, Sarah Drake, dau. of Jasper & Esther (———) D., of N.Y., (who kept the tavern in Beekman street, which was the rendezvous of the "Liberty Boys." He was the son of Joseph Drake of Eastchester, N.Y., and grand-son of Samuel Drake of Fairfield, Conn.

He died intestate, and Isaac Sears was appointed Admr. upon his estate Mar. 30, 1784. He owned the land corner of Fulton and Pearl streets, where the United States Hotel stands.)

Children:

393. 1. Hester, m. Trinity Ch. N.Y., by license, Feb. 14, 1774, Paschal Nelson Smith, son of William Henry & Margaret (Lloyd) S., of

St. George's Manor, L.I., who was a partner in business with his father-in-law, and one of the first Directors in the Manhattan Bank, organized in 1799, by Aaron Burr. He died of Yellow fever at his summer residence at Bloomingdale, N.Y., in 1805-6; his Will dated Mar. 20, 1801, names wife Hester and nephews, Benjamin Strong and John Aspinwall, Executors.

During part of the Rev. War, he resided in Boston, and was drawn on Jury, Maritime Court, May 29, 1777, and Sept. 30, 1778.

He was of the "Tangier Smiths" of Setauket, L.I., so called to distinguish them from the "Bull Smiths" who lived in the next township, now known as Smithtown. (Col. William Smith, his great-grand father, was born at Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire, Eng., Feb. 22, 1654-55, and died at his Manor of St. George, Setauket, L.I., Feb. 18, 1704-5. In the reign of Charles II, Col. Smith was the Governor of Tangier, Africa, and married there, Nov. 26, 1675, Martha Tunstall, daughter of Henry T., of Putney, co. Surrey, Eng.

He was appointed Chief Justice and President of the Council of the Province of New York, by Gov. Fletcher, and his lands on Long Island, erected into the "Manor of St. George.")

Children, Smith:

1. Harriet, d. about 1801, unmd.
2. Augusta, d. about 1801, unmd.; both of consumption.
3. William Temple.
4. Hester Georgianna, m. ----- Bryan, a lawyer of New York city, and resided at Fort Hamilton.

Children, Bryan:

1. Isaac Sears.
 2. Frederic H.
- and perhaps others. Isaac and Frederic H., were lawyers, and in their father's office in 1856.

394. 2. Son, b. 1759; was drowned at Beekman Slip, on Sunday, July 20, 1766, ae. 7 yrs.

395. 3. Mary, m. Trinity Ch., N.Y., by license, June 15, 1778, Thomas Hamilton.

396. 4. John, m. Trinity Ch., N.Y., by license, Oct. 24, 1780, Sarah Halstead.

397. 5. Maria, m. Trinity Ch., N.Y., by license, June 21, 1785, Peregrine Bourdieu, (son of James B., a respectable merchant of London,) who came to this country with the intention of establishing a mercantile house here, bringing letters of introduction from Henry Laurens, London, to James Lovell, Boston. In 1792, he was in business at Dominica, W.I.

One Bourdieu was bearer of despatches from Silas Deane, Paris, to Benjamin Franklin, London. A Bordeaux family of the same name settled in Charleston, S.C.

398. 6. Isaac, b. 1770; was at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., from Boston, in 1779, aged 9 years; he d. Martinique, W.I., Dec. 16, 1794.

399. 7. Rebecca, b. about 1771; d. Feb. 1, 1813, ae. 42 yrs.; m. Trinity Ch.

N.Y., by Rev. Dr. Provost, May 20, 1790, Samuel Sterett, son of James S., of Carlisle, Pa., who d. July 12, 1833, ae. 75 yrs.

He was a Notary Public and Commissioner of Bankruptcy in Baltimore, Md., (where there was a firm of Smith & Sterett, merchants, in 1764.

Children, Sterett:

1. Son, stillborn, Apr. 5, 1791.
2. William, b. N.Y., Dec. 24, 1792; d. unmd., June 11, 1816.
3. Mary, b. Balto., Md., Sept. 1, 1794; d. June 16, 1795.
4. Augusta Temple, b. Phila., Pa., Dec. 30, 1795; d. New Orleans, La., Dec. 10, 1833; m. Balto., Md., May 5, 1815, Thomas Dance Esq., of Kingston, Jamaica.

Children, Dance:

1. Thomas.
2. Mary.
5. George Harrison, b. Phila., Pa., Sept. 10, 1797; d. unmd., Feb. 14, 1829.
6. Mary Bourdieu, b. Balto., Md., Jan. 20, 1800; m. May 15, 1821, Henry Carroll of Balto., (a descendant of Daniel C., brother to Charles C., father of "Charles Carroll of Carrollton.")

Children, Carroll:

1. Sarah Ann, m. Alexander Winchester.
2. Robert M., d. ae. 7 yrs.
3. Samuel Sterett, m. Dec. 4, 1866, Rebecca Sterett Thompson, his first cousin, who was a grand-child of Samuel & Rebecca (Sears) Sterett.
7. Isaac Sears, b. Balto, Md., Oct. 20, 1801; d. Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 16, 1864; m. Dec. 4, 1821, Jane Smith Hollins, dau. of Smith & Rebecca H.

Children, Sterett:

1. Samuel, m. Mary Helmsley.
2. Isaac Sears, d. unmd.
8. James Samuel, b. Jan. 11, 1802; d. Aug. 1, 1802.
9. Paschal Nelson Smith, b. May 27, 1803; d. Aug. 27, 1803.
10. Harriet Antoinette Smith, b. Balto., Md., Aug. 27, 1805.
11. Sarah Caroline Sears, b. Balto., Md., Nov. 2, 1806; d. Aug. 5, 1852; m. Feb. 11, 1834, Samuel Townley Thompson.

Children, Thompson:

1. John William, b. Nov. 13, 1834.
2. Rebecca Sterett, b. Nov. 17, 1836; m. her first cousin, Samuel Sterett Carroll, son of Henry & Mary Bourdieu (Sterett) C., res. 19 Centre street, Balto., Md. Mrs. Carroll possesses original portraits of her great-grand mother, Mrs. Sarah (Drake) Sears, widow of Col. Isaac Sears of New York; and of their daughter, Rebecca (Sears) Sterett, who was her grandmother.
3. Ann Bowley, b. Nov. 1, 1838.
4. Mary Carroll, b. Mar. 17, 1840; d. Nov. 30, 1874.
5. Augusta Temple, b. Sept. 22, 1841.
6. Harriett Sterett, b. Nov. 20, 1843.
7. Emilie Elizabeth, b. Jan. 6, 1846.
12. Daughter, stillborn, Apr. 9, 1812.

400. 8. Jasper, b. 1772; was at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., with his

brother Isaac in 1779, as. 7 years; but neither continued but one term.

401. 9.

402.10.

403.11.

It is singular that so little is now known of the family of a man so prominent during a long period as was Col. Isaac Sears.

He had eleven children; his son-in-law, Paschal N. Smith, was also one of a family of eleven; and Hester Sears, his wife, it is said was the last survivor of the twenty two children.

The first eight children are, I think, correctly given, though the order perhaps should be changed.

Many of the records of New York and Trinity Church were destroyed by fire, and I find no Will or administration papers in the Surrogate's office.

The New York papers of the day speak of daughters of "King Sears" as "beautiful and accomplished, and dispensing the hospitalities of their father's house like princesses."

John Q. Adams writes to his sister, Mrs. Wm. S. Smith, in 1785, giving an account of a dinner with Gen. Knox, Sec. of War, and mentions as among the guests, "Miss Sears," and says, "Miss Sears has been ill, and looks pale; but she is very pretty, and has the reputation of being witty and sharp. I am sure she does not look *mechante*."

Among the distinguished names in Mrs. John Jay's invitation lists, we find "Mr. Sears and family."

In reply to an enquiry of mine, Mr. Stevens, then editor of the "Magazine of American History," printed the following account, derived from papers in the archives of the Chamber of Commerce, N.Y.

"Isaac Sears was one of the most Prominent figures in the stirring scenes enacted in America during the latter half of the last century.

"His profession as the captain of a peaceful trader being broken up by the French War, he entered at once into privateering.

"In 1757, he took out the dogger '~~Catharine~~, but his most daring -e 'Decoy,' of 6 guns, and later the sloop of war, 'Catharine,' but his most daring exploits were while in charge of the sloop 'Belle Isle,' of 14 guns, owned by John Schermerhorn & Co., New York merchants, which put to sea in 1759.

"In Sept. he fell in with a large French sloop of 24 guns and 80 men, and attacked her without hesitation.

"He was twice disabled, and forced to withdraw to refit; the third time he grappled the Frenchman, and a long contest ensued, but the grapplings giving way, the Frenchman sheered off with 9 men killed, and 20 wounded.

"In 1761, he was shipwrecked on Sable Island, and with great difficulty saved the lives of himself and crew.

"The prestige of these exploits gave him a great moral ascendancy over his fellow citizens, and he seems to have fairly won the title of 'King,' which was given him.

"In the resistance to the Stamp Act, and the daily struggles which took place about the Liberty Pole, Sears was always in the front rank,